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TO: Plants and Produce Shippers

FROM: Robert G. Atkins
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Many of you attended the industry meetings we held in February of this year regarding export certification issues and schedules. In order to provide you better service in the certification of shipment of plant material to other states and countries, we are now in the process of evaluating export certification and survey field inspection fees. We are determining appropriate fee changes as required by County policy to insure for full cost recovery.

Export Certification

Current Fees

Domestic Plant Shipment Certification

- \$30 first 4
- \$25 next 6
- \$20 each additional

International Plant Shipment Certification

- \$30

Domestic Counter Service

- \$10

Federal Counter Service (new)

- N/A

Proposed Fees

Domestic Plant Shipment Certification

- \$35
- N/A
- N/A

International Plant Shipment Certification

- \$90

Domestic Counter Service

- \$25

Federal Counter Service (new)

- \$64

Specialized Field Inspection Services

Current Fees

Field Growing Season Inspections

- \$60 hourly

Destination Point Inspections/Sealed Load

- \$60 hourly

Customer Requested Certifications

- \$60 hourly

Proposed Fees

Field Growing Season Inspections

- \$78 hourly

Destination Point Inspections/Sealed Load

- \$75 hourly

Export Treatment/Inspection

- \$67 hourly

Specialized Field Inspection Services

Current Fees

Witnessing Quarantine

- \$60 hourly

Weekend and holiday inspections

- \$90 hourly with a one hour minimum

Missed Appointment Fee (new)

- N/A

Proposed Fees

Incoming Shipment Treatments

- \$67 hourly

Weekend and holiday inspections

- \$101 hourly with a one hour minimum

Missed Appointment Fee (new)

- \$67 hourly

Thank you for your participation and as a follow-up to those meetings I would again like to invite you to join me to discuss these changes. I look forward to meeting with you and listening to your concerns regarding the proposed fee updates. We have the following dates and times reserved:

Where and When

County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures Office

5555 Overland Ave, Suite 3101, San Diego, CA 92123

Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures Office

334 Via Vera Cruz, Suite 150, San Marcos, CA 92078

Thursday, June 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I appreciate your time and cooperation in this matter and hope you are available to attend one of our meetings. If you have any further questions or plan on attending, please call (760) 752-4700.